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MILWAUKEE POLICE, FIRE LAUNCH TACTICAL MEDIC PROGRAM

The Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments announced Thursday they are implementing a Tactical Emergency Medical Service Program to enhance response capabilities to incidents involving the Milwaukee Police Tactical Enforcement Unit.

This program will provide Emergency Medical Service support within the perimeter of tactical situations for victims as well as law enforcement officers who may need medical attention during a tactical situation. These specially trained members will respond to critical incidents including tactical deployments at the request of Milwaukee Police. Tactical Emergency Medical Service personnel also may provide support for the execution of high-risk search warrants.

Because the Milwaukee Fire Department is the primary emergency response agency in the city, it makes sense to train some of their personnel, both the Police and Fire Departments agree. Thus far, Milwaukee Police have assisted in the training of six paramedics from the Milwaukee Fire Department who will be known as "tactical medics." That training was accomplished with the assistance of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"This is a strong collaborative effort between the Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments to ensure the safety of police officers, responding emergency personnel and the citizens who may find themselves involved in a critical incident," said Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty.

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